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SUBJECT: MISSING AMERICANS

REF: QUITO MEMO OF MARCH 17, 1977

- 1. SOME DOCUMENTS ATTACHED TO REF MEMO RELAYED TO YODER FAMILY MARCH 24. FAMILY NATURALLY INTERESTED IN JUDGE'S OPENING STATEMENT WHICH APPEARS TO INCLUDE INFORMATION OBTAINED RECENTLY FROM CARRION.FAMILY CONSIDERING SENDING A LETTER TO BE TRANSMITTED TO THE JUDGE POINTING OUT OBVIOUS DIFFERENCES BETWEEN STATEMENT AND STATEMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED TO THE FAMILY.
- 2. WITH RESPECT TO STATEMENT MADE BY JUANA DE CHICA DEPARTMENT NOTES THAT STATEMENT DOES NOT REPEAT NOT IDENTIFY THE COUPLE DESCRIBED BY JUANA DE CHICA AS DELILAH YODER AND JAMES HERSCHBERGER. IS THERE ANOTHER PART TO THE STATEMENT OR DOES HER PREVIOUS STATMENT CONNECT DELILAH YODER AND JAMES HERSCHBERGER BY PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION UNCLASSIFIED

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OR IDENTIFICATION OF PHOTO, ETC? ADDITIONALLY YODER FAMILY LEARNED FROM ECUADORIAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON THAT A BRITISH COUPLE DISAPPEARED LAST SUMMER IN THE SANGAY VOLVANO AREA. IN ABSENCE OF IDENTIFICATION IT IS POSSIBLE THAT JUANA DE CHICA IS DESCRIBING THAT COUPLE.

3. FAMILY STATE THAT EARLY POLICE REPORT NOTES THAT THE POLICE TRAVELED WITH MARCELO CARRION TO MACAS TO COLLECT

BELONGINGS OF YODER AND HERSCHBERGER. ADDITIONALLY FAMILY UNDERSTOOD CARRION TO STATE IN INITIAL CONVERSATION THAT YODER AND HERSCHBERGER LEFT SOME BELONGINGS WITH HIM (APPARENTLY IN CUENCA) BEFORE STARTING OUT FOR THE ORIENTE. FAMILY HAVE RECEIVED ONE PACKAGE CONTAINING MOSTLY SHIRTS. WAS THAT PACKAGE LEFT IN MACAS OR CUENCA? ARE THERE OTHER BELONGINGS TO BE COLLECTED? VANCE

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